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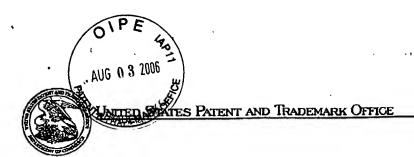
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- (X) A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(2)) has been communicated by the International Bureau. (X) PCT/IB/308 enclosed.
- (X) An English translation of the International Application as filed is attached hereto.
- (X) Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(3)) have not been and will not be made.
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OTHER APPLICATION PARTS:

- (X) Preliminary Amendment in 13 pages.
- (X) Sequence Listing on paper in 26 pages. Sequence Listing in CRF in duplicate.
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Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination on the merits, please amend the above-captioned U.S. application as follows.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the title as shown:

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PROCESS-METHOD FOR PRODUCING SCYLLO-INOSITOL

On page 1 of the Specification, after the Title of the Invention and before the Technical Field starting on line 1, please insert the following section:

Related Applications

This application is the U.S. National Phase under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of International Application PCT/JP2004/015174, filed October 14, 2004, which claims priority to JP 2003-353490, filed October 14, 2003; JP 2003-353491, filed October 14, 2003; JP 2004-018128, filed January 27, 2004; and JP 2004-194088, filed June 30, 2004.

Please correct the following numbered paragraphs as shown:

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Next, to confirm the scyllo-inositol dehydrogenase activity, the microbial strains isolated as colonies were transferred to 100 ml of LB medium (1% bacto-tryptone, 0.5% yeast extract, 1% NaCl, pH 7.0) containing 50 µg/ml ampicillin, and they were cultured at 36°C for 7 hours. 0.3 ml of 200 mM thiogalactopyranoside solution was added to the culture solution, and the cells were further cultured at 36°C for 3 hours. After completion of the culture, the cells were collected by centrifugation and washed with physiological saline once. Then, the washed cells were suspended in 3 ml of 0.6% Triton X-100 solution, and the cells were disrupted by ultrasonic wave at 4°C. The solution was centrifuged, and 2.8 ml of the supernatant (enzyme solution) was taken out. 1.2 g of ammonium sulfate was added to the supernatant to salt out proteins at 4°C. The salted-out proteins were collected by centrifugation (15,000 rpm, 20 min), and the supernatant was removed. The precipitates were dissolved in 2.5 ml of 20 mM Tris buffer (pH 7.0), and the solution was centrifuged (15,000 rpm, 20 min) again. The supernatant was applied onto ShephadexSephadex G-25 column (Pharmacia K.K.: 14 ml) equilibrated with 20 mM Tris buffer (pH 7.0), and the